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# Edward J. Danforth Correspondence

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DANFORTH, EDWARD J.

20 Westwood Drive  
Orono, Maine 04473

August 25, 1977

Shirley Thayer, Librarian for Maine Materials  
Maine State Library  
Cultural Building  
Augusta, Maine 04330

Dear Ms. Thayer:

In response to your request of August 23 I ~~have~~ mailed (yesterday) an inscribed presentation copy of my book SONG OF THE WHITE-THROAT for inclusion in the Maine Author Collection in the Maine Room of Maine State Library, a room I hope to visit some day.

I am enclosing the biographical <sup>information</sup> you also requested. Hope it isn't too lengthy - blame its length on this typewriter, once it gets into action it seems to want to keep going.

The M.S.L. has already purchased two copies of SONG, presumably for the general loan collection.

Thanks for your interest.

Sincerely,

*Ed Danforth*  
Edward J. Danforth

*Gee, how wild can my typewriter get  
when I give it free rein?  
Ed*



Danforth, Edward J.

Place of birth: Newfane, Vermont

Date of birth: 20 February 1902

Home address: 20 Westwood Drive, Orono, Maine

Publications:

Article in The New Hampshire Troubadour - March 1935

Nature Walk column in Somerset Messenger-Gazette (Somerville, N.J.)  
112 successive weeks beginning in early 1964. Also a couple of  
special articles for this paper.

Nature Walk column in weekend edition of Bangor Daily News (Bangor,  
Maine) 386 successive weeks, and still running. Also a few  
special articles for this paper. Cover illustration (sketch) for  
one edition of the B.D.N. weekly supplement, Maine Event.

Song of the White-throat, a 171 page book of nature (and human  
nature) anecdotes. Illustrated and self-published. April 1977

Biographical information:

Education:

Because of poor health as a youngster did not attend  
a regular school prior to high school ( a retired teacher bore  
with me for an hour a day at her home).

Secondary - Conant High School, East Jaffrey, N.H. 1 year  
New Brunswick High School, New Brunswick, N.J. 1 year  
Rutgers Preparatory School, " " " 2 yrs. Grad. 1920

College - Graduated from Rutgers Univ. " " " B.Sc. in  
Agriculture 1925 (Minored in education) Did some  
graduate work in Education.  
1 year as special student at University of Puerto Rico's  
Mayaguez campus (College of Agriculture and Mechanic  
Arts). One course in Art at New York University. One  
course in English at University of Maine at Orono.

Occupational experiences - Taught physics and general science at  
Somerville High School, Somerville, N.J. September 1925  
through June 1928. In later years did some substitute  
teaching in two New Jersey high schools ( North Hunterdon  
Regional and West Morris Regional).  
Various Accounting Department assignments (mostly staff  
work) with New York Telephone Company, New York City  
1928 to 1963.

Operated a small landscape nursery at Califon, N.J. (Califon Nursery)  
Have spent considerable time and effort on wildlife  
photography and have lectured widely on nature.

Danforth, Edward J. (continued)

Other - Served on Boards of Education in Somerville, N.J. and  
Lebanon Township, N.J.  
Headed Somerville (N.J.) Welfare Association in its  
beginning. Former director South Branch Watershed Assoc.  
(N.J.) Former director Natural Resources Council (Maine)  
Currently trustee of Maine Audubon Society. Formerly  
a director of Orono (Maine) Health Association.